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2014 Georgia EMS Awards Banquet



Brian Irish
Georgia EMT of the Year

The 2014 Georgia EMS Award Banquet was held at Georgia Public Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia on May 22, 2014. The award recipients were:

David Loftin – Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry Lifetime Achievement Award

Rick Cobb – Zeb Burrell, Jr. Award Distinguished Service Award

Region 1 EMS Honor Guard – GAEMS Special Recognition

Julio Lairet – CB Gillespie EMS Medical Director Award

Billy Watson – Dr. John B. O'Neal EMS Pioneer Award

Andy Buffington – Tim Peebles Champion of Children Award

Spaulding Regional Hospital EMS – EMS Service of the Year

Walker County Fire and Emergency Services – Mary Beth Bowns Trauma Award

Dave Wills – Joe Lane Cox Award

Andy Cone – Dr. Joe Simon Pediatric Call of the Year

Lanier Swafford – GAEMS Leadership Award

Brian Irish – EMT of the Year

Paula Carter – EMS Educator of the Year

Robert Early – EMS Medical Director of the Year

Michael Coleman – GAEMS Chairman's Award



Rick Cobb - Dr. Zeb Burrell
Distinguished Service Award

EMS Re-licensure Deadline Nearing Rapidly!

The deadline for re-licensure of all EMS Personnel is June 30, 2014. All personnel must complete 40 hours of continuing education, have a current BCLS card (and ACLS card for CTs and Paramedics), pay a fee and complete a form on-line by June 30, 2014. The Georgia Office of EMS Classroom has free Continuing Education but must be accessed by Internet Explorer. Computers with Windows 7 or 8 will have problems but Windows XP or earlier versions of Windows works fine. See the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma website for more details at <http://dph.georgia.gov/EMS> or the

training page of northwest Georgia EMS website at <http://www.nwgaems.org>

David Loftin Recognized by Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry



David Loftin, Region 1 EMS Program Coordinator (Retired) was recognized at the state banquet on May 22, by the Coverdell Stroke Group for his many years of dedication and innovations to stroke care around the region and state. David continues, even in retirement, to be active in stroke education and system development and is one of only 2 MENDS Instructor/Trainers in GA. Congratulations' to David for being recognized for his many contributions

Region 1 EMS Educators Summer Update Scheduled

The next EMS Educator update will be held on June 20, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Waco Campus of West Georgia Technical College. You must pre-register. See the northwest Georgia EMS website for application form at <http://www.nwgaems.org>

Rome/Floyd County 911 Seeks Applicants

If you are interested in working as a 911 dispatcher, consider applying at Rome-Floyd County 911. No experience necessary. Training will be supplied. See the facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FloydCountyE911GA>

New E-mail address for State and Regional Offices

After 2 years as a standalone department, the GA Dept of Public Health has begun to transition all emails to DPH from the old dhr emails. All DPH emails are now firstname.lastname@dph.ga.gov

For David Foster, EMS Program Director for OEMST Region 1 his has been changed effective May 18th, 2014 to David.Foster@dph.ga.gov

Please make sure you update your contact info as the old DHR email address will be shut down in a few months.

2014 EMS Week Activities

There were a lot of activities around the Region this year. Angel EMS, Fannin Regional & Fannin EMS, Floyd EMS, Redmond EMS, Bartow EMS, Cartersville Medical Center, and Gordon EMS all reported having cookouts or other appreciation activities during the week.

Gordon EMS Public Safety Annual Golf Tournament

Gordon EMS hosted the 6th Annual Public Safety Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, May 23, 2014 at Fields Ferry Golf Course in Calhoun with a 10 o'clock tee off time. Teams paid an entry fee and once all expenses were paid the remainder went to a charity of the three top teams' choice with first place charity receiving 50%, second place 30% and third place 20%. All three teams came together this year and donated the money to a Gordon County deputy whose father in law was recently diagnosed with cancer and subsequently passed away on May 29. The donated money will go to help cover funeral expenses. Nine teams participated this year in the event which were Calhoun Police Department, Gordon County Sheriff's Office, LifeForce #1, LifeForce #2, Gordon Hospital, Region 1 EMS/Cherokee Fire, Gordon County Fire Department, Gordon EMS #1 and Gordon EMS #2.

This year's winners were:

1st place – Gordon EMS #1

2nd place – Gordon County Sheriff's Office

3rd place – Region 1 EMS/Cherokee Fire

This event will be hosted again next year on the Friday ending EMS week. Make plans now to attend!!!!

Courtney Taylor, Director of Gordon EMS Recognized by GA Hospital Association

Courtney Taylor has been named as a Georgia Hospital Hero! Courtney will be recognized by the Georgia Hospital Association at their annual banquet for his unselfish dedication to his community. Congratulations Courtney on a very deserving recognition.